



***Remembering 1916: The Easter Rising, The Battle of the Somme and Impact on Lowell—A Public Engagement Conference***

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016 -  
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center  
50 Warren Street  
Lowell, MA 01852**

## **Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

**5 – 6 p.m.**

### **Conference Registration**

*Location:* Hallway outside Lower Locks, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**6 – 7 p.m.**

### **Networking Reception**

*Location:* Lower Locks, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**7 - 8 p.m.**

### **Introductions and Keynote Address**

Conference Introduction

Chair: Victoria Denoon, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnerships

Speakers: Dr. Jacqueline F. Moloney, Chancellor of UMass Lowell

The Honorable Martin T. Meehan, President, UMass

Professor Audrey Horning, Queen's University Belfast.

Keynote Address

**Title: Remembering 1916: Legacy and Commemoration**

Chair: Professor Keith Lilley, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918', Queen's University Belfast

Speaker: William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland

*Location:* Lower Locks, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

## **Thursday, September 8, 2016**

- 8 – 9 a.m. Conference Registration**  
*Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- 9 – 9:15 a.m. Conference Welcome**  
Chair: Victoria Denoon, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speaker: The Honorable Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland to Boston  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- 9:15 – 10 a.m. From Past Conflict to Shared Future: Exploring the ‘Living Legacies’ of World War 1 and 1916**  
Chair: Professor Audrey Horning, Queen’s University Belfast  
Speaker: Professor Keith Lilley, ‘Living Legacies 1914 – 1918’, Queen’s University Belfast  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- 10 – 10:45 a.m. Remembering 1916: Session 1 - Community Engagement in Northern Ireland**  
Chair: Dr. Steve McCarthy, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnership  
Speaker: Dr. Kurt Taroff, Queen’s University Belfast  
Sophie Long, PhD Candidate, Queen's University Belfast  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- 10:45 – 11 a.m. Coffee /Tea Break**
- 11– 11:45 a.m. Excavating 1916: Community Archaeology in Action**  
Chair: Erin Caples, Associate Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speaker: Prof. Keith Lilley, ‘Living Legacies 1914 – 1918’, Queen’s University Belfast  
Heather Montgomery, Queen’s University Belfast  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- 11:45 – 12:30 p.m. Memorializing 1916: The Rising, Tradition and Social Memory**  
Chair: Ruairi O’Mahony, Associate Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
Speakers: Dr. Tomás Mac Conmara, Manager, Cork Folklore Project  
Thomas O’Mahony, Cork Folklore Project  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch**  
*Location: Grand Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

- 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.      Exhibiting 1916: Community Engagement and Curating Practices**  
Chair:            Steven Rogers, Senior Director of Development, UMass Lowell  
Speaker:        William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern  
                      Ireland  
                      Fiona Byrne, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918', Queen's University  
                      Belfast  
                      Sophie Long, PhD Candidate, Queen's University Belfast  
*Location:*      *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.      Remembering 1916: Session II - Irish-American Identity and Remembrance**  
Chair:            Dr. Frank Talty, Co-Director, Center for Irish Partnerships  
*Location:*      *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- Title:**            **"Lowell and the Rising: What Do the Newspapers Tell Us?"**  
Speaker:        Professor Robert Forrant, University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Title:**            **"Lowell's Contributions to World War I"**  
Speaker:        Eileen Loucraft, Lowell Historical Society
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.      Irish-American Connections: Reflecting on 1916 and 2016 - a Roundtable**  
Chair:            Professor Keith Lilley, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918', Queen's  
                      University Belfast  
*Location:*      *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 4:30 – 6 p.m.        Conference Closing and Reception**  
*Location:*      *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*